

FUTURE INVERTEBRATE MONITORING

With the agreement of Battersea Park's managers, it is intended to alter the mowing regime of some of the presently short-mown areas 1–9. Major works in the Park are part of a 'restoration' plan, to bring the Park to resemble its former glory when created 150 years ago. At that time the southern and western boundaries of the park were edged with shrubberies, where the adjacent grass was not so manicured as today. After 150 years, there are no longer any shrubs growing in these areas and the edges of the Park are dominated by large plane and other ornamental trees surrounded by mown lawn right up to the boles. Part of the restoration is expected to return these areas to shrub and to relax the mowing regime around them. Other small areas of the Park may also be allowed to grow long.

The invertebrates making use of these areas, as the grass grows longer, will be monitored during 2003 and beyond, to measure how biodiversity is increasing there.

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Sisyra terminalis Curtis (Neuroptera: Sisyridae) at Richmond Park, Surrey, in 1994.—The report of the 14 January 2003 BENHS Indoor Meeting (*Br. J. Ent. Nat. Hist.* **16**: 196) mentions that Dr P.C. Barnard showed a specimen of the sponge fly *Sisyra terminalis* from Richmond, Surrey, found in summer 2002. The report suggests that this may have been the first London record for over 100 years, but in fact there is at least one other fairly recent record, also from the Richmond area. I recorded *S. terminalis* at the BENHS field meeting in Richmond Park (TQ1971, v.c. 17) on 6 August 1994. The specimen was caught at MV and passed to Colin Plant, to whom I am grateful for the determination.—MARTIN C. HARVEY, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Woodside House, Woodside Road, Eastleigh, SO50 4ET.